

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Rule 53(b) Divisional Application  
of: 09/670,019

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING BASE MATERIAL FOR OPTICAL FIBER HAVING  
DEFORMED FIRST CLAD, BASE MATERIAL FOR OPTICAL FIBER AND  
OPTICAL FIBER

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

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This is a Division of Application No. 09/670,019 filed September 26, 2000. The  
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